

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application. No amendments have been made herein; therefore, a listing of claims is not required.

Restriction Requirement.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-8;

Group II, claims 9-15;

Group III, claims 16, 17, 24 and 27;

Group IV, claims 18, 19, 22 and 23;

Group V, claims 20 and 21;

Group VI, claims 25, 26, 28 and 29; and

Group VII, claims 27 and 31-33.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8.

Applicants traverse because the Examiner has already made a conclusion of unpatentability before Applicants even had a chance to response thereto. In particular, the Examiner cites the Ishikawa *et al.* (2002) reference (at page 3 of the Office Action), and then determines that the claims do not contribute a special technical feature over this reference and thus divides the claims into 8 different groups. However, should another “special technical feature” be found to be patentable over this specific reference, then all claims should later be rejoined based on this reasoning. The present Restriction Requirement is improper.

Election of Species

The Examiner has required an election of species in the present invention.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, the following:

	Species to be Elected
Non-human mammal	Mouse
The source of hemotopoietic cells	Cord blood
Immunocompetent cells	T cells
Immunoglobulin	IgG

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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